

The  
First  
Presbyterian  
Church  
of  
Jackson



*“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”*

# THE LORD'S DAY

The Eleventh Day of June, Two Thousand Twenty-Three  
MORNING WORSHIP

Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'Clock

**The Reverend Dr. Guy M. Richard**

President and Associate Professor of Systematic Theology  
Reformed Theological Seminary, Atlanta

**The Reverend Mr. Wiley P. Lowry III**

Minister of Teaching and Pastoral Care

## APPROACHING GOD'S THRONE

The Greetings and Announcements (8:25 and 10:55 a.m.)

The Prelude — "Andante Espressivo"..... Felix Mendelssohn

Bonnie Brown, Violin  
Emily Williams, Violin II

Ausra Jasineviciute, Viola  
Nancy Bateman, Cello

The Introit — "Let All the World in Every Corner Sing"..... R. V. Williams

The Call to Worship

The Hymn No. 32 — "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

## SEEKING GOD'S FACE

The Invocation

The Doxology .....(Tune: *Regent Square*)

Glory be to God the Father  
Glory be to Christ the Son.  
Glory to the Holy Spirit,  
Three in One and One in Three,  
Praise Him now, and praise forever,  
God the blessed Trinity.

The Mission Report .....Rev. John Rakshith & Kelley Beth Prabhaker

The Assurance of Pardon

The Offering

The Offertory — "Pilgrim Song" .....Ryan Murphy

With Kathryn Edwards, Piano

My brethren, I have found a land that doth abound with fruit as sweet as honey;  
The more I eat, I find, the more I am inclined to shout and sing hosanna.  
My soul doth long to go where I may fully know the glory of my Savior;  
And as I pass along I'll sing the Christian song, I'm going to live forever.  
Perhaps you think me wild, or simple as a child; I am a child of glory;  
I am born from above, my soul is filled with love; I love to tell the story.  
My soul doth long to go where I may fully know the glory of my Savior....  
My soul now sits and sings and practices its wings, and contemplates the hour  
When the messenger shall say, 'Come quit this house of clay, and with bright  
angels tower.'  
My soul doth go where I may know the glory of my Savior;  
And as I pass along I'll sing the Christian song, I'm going to live forever.

The Hymn No. 481 — “Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”

The Pastoral Prayer

## HEARING GOD’S VOICE

The Psalm Reading — Psalm 135 ..... (pew Bible page 519)

The Prayer of Illumination

The New Testament Reading — John 21:1-19..... (pew Bible page 907)

The Sermon — The Restoration of Peter ..... Dr. Richard

The Hymn No. 688 (stzs. 1-3) — “Have Thine Own Way, Lord”

The Benediction

The Congregational Response

Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way.

Hold o’er my being absolute sway.

Fill with Thy Spirit till all shall see

Christ only, always, living in me!

The Postlude — “Allegro Vivace” (*Suite #3 in D*) .....J. S. Bach

## WELCOME

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church! We are so glad you are here. If you are a visitor, we would love to know more about you. Please leave your contact information in the “Welcome Pad” located at the end of your pew. We will follow up with you to introduce ourselves and tell you about ways to get plugged in to the church.

# EVENING WORSHIP

Six O’Clock

**The Reverend Mr. William E. Dempsey**  
Minister of Congregational and Pastoral Care

**The Reverend Mr. Gary W. Sinclair**  
First Presbyterian Day School Chaplain

**The Greetings and Announcements (5:55 p.m.)**

**The Vision Trip Report**

**The Prelude — “Aria”**.....Flor Peeters  
William Wymond, Organ

**The Call to Worship — Psalm 92:1-4**

**The Hymn No. 647 — “How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds”**

**The Invocation**

**The Hymn — “Let the Earth Resound”**..... (hymn sheet)

**The Greetings**

**The Offering**

**The Offertory — “O Jesus, I Have Promised”** .....Arthur Mann

**The Prayer of Illumination**

**The Reading of Holy Scripture — Jonah 1:1-17**..... (pew Bible page 774)

**The Sermon — Indispensable: Jonah’s Shipmates**.....Mr. Dempsey

**The Hymn (stzs. 1 & 2) — “Jesus, I Come”** ..... (hymn sheet)

**The Lord’s Supper**

The Words of Institution

The Invitation

The Prayer of Consecration

The Communion with Our Lord Jesus Christ and His People

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

**The Benediction**

**The Hymn (stzs. 3 & 4) — “Jesus, I Come”** ..... (hymn sheet)

**The Postlude — “Jesu, Lamb of God”** .....Samuel Scheidt

# GUIDE TO THE EVENING SERVICE

## WELCOME

This Lord's Day is a special occasion as we have the joy of partaking of the Lord's Table together during our evening worship service. The sacrament of the "Lord's Supper" was instituted by Christ for the church in every age. Augustine, one of the early church fathers, referred to the sacrament as "a visible word" because it proclaims to us "the Lord's death until He comes" (1 Corinthians 11:23-26). As we come to the Table today, it may help you to prepare your hearts by pondering the significance of the Lord's Table.

## THE LORD'S TABLE

The phrase itself conveys something very important about what is taking place during this component of our worship service. First, it is a table and not an altar. An altar is a place where sacrifices are offered to God. Christ has "offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, [and] he sat down at the right hand of God" (Hebrews 10:12). Again, "for by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified" (Hebrews 10:14). We have no need of an altar because the cross of Christ is the only altar of God. Second, it is the table of the Lord. He is the host of the meal and, hence, possesses the prerogative to invite us to meet and sup with him. Therefore, as the term "Communion Service" denotes, it is a fellowship meal of Christ with His people.

It is oftentimes easy to miss the significance of Church architecture, but in reality, our sanctuary is designed to speak to us about the grace, beauty, and majesty of God. And the Lord's Table beautifully communicates this. Our communion table sits in the front of the sanctuary on the floor with the congregation in order to remind us that it is in Christ's sacrificial death that we are truly united to Him and also to one another. The table remains on the floor to show us that the body and blood of Christ, which it displays, is for the entire covenant community.

## CHRIST'S PRESENCE

Another important question to ask when thinking on this sacrament is, "In what way is Christ present within it?" Sincere Christians throughout the ages have struggled to answer this question because within the ordinance there is certainly an aura of mystery. But we must remember that while the elements remain bread and wine, the presence of Christ is truly among us by His Spirit. The Spirit alone is able to make the sacrament of the Lord's Supper beneficial to our souls by penetrating our hearts and stirring our affections for Christ. Hence, let us be prepared to feast at the Lord's Table by asking the Spirit of God to convict us of sin, to supply grace to truly repent, and to savor Christ more and more. As we partake the emblems of Christ's suffering, let us remember that God confirms the benefits of His suffering: pardon, reconciliation, and eternal life through this covenant meal. Let us in turn reaffirm our covenant privileges and responsibilities to God as we anticipate His return.

# FPC THIS WEEK

## Sunday, June 11, 2023

- 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship..... Sanctuary  
 9:45 a.m. Sunday School..... Various Locations  
 5:00 p.m. Intercessory Prayer Group..... WH 202A  
 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship Service..... Sanctuary  
 (age 4 through 3rd grade dismissed for Children's Classes)  
 7:30 p.m. Senior High Insight..... the Biggs Home (4025 Crane Blvd.)

## Monday, June 12, 2023

- 2:00-3:00 p.m. Junior High Summer Snow Cone Challenge..... Nandy's Candies

## Tuesday, June 13, 2023

- 9:30 a.m. French Camp Quilters..... Library  
 12:00 p.m. FPCYM Parents Prayer Lunch..... Whole Foods

## Wednesday, June 14, 2023

- 5:00 p.m. Midweek Dinner..... MH  
 5:30 p.m. Children's Playtime..... Playground  
 5:50 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal..... MS  
 6:00 p.m. Midweek Adult Programs  
     Bible Discussion Class..... PH  
     Birds & Bees..... SC 210  
     Foundations Class..... WH 204  
     Marriage Intensive..... WH 202  
     Prayer Meeting..... SC 213  
     Teacher Training..... Miller Hall  
 6:00 p.m. College Bible Study..... SC 319  
 6:00 p.m. Children's Midweek Summer Nights..... Various Locations  
 6:00 p.m. Junior and Senior High D Groups..... YH & Baird Center Gym  
 7:10 p.m. Brass Ensemble Rehearsal..... Sanctuary

## Thursday, June 15, 2023

- 9:30 a.m. French Camp Quilters..... Library  
 7:00 p.m. Young Adults Thursday Night Fellowship..... Hutton Chapel

## Saturday, June 17, 2023

- 7:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Meeting..... WH 202

## Sunday, June 18, 2023

- 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship..... Sanctuary  
 9:45 a.m. Sunday School..... Various Locations  
 5:00 p.m. Intercessory Prayer Group..... WH 202A  
 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship Service..... Sanctuary  
 (age 4 through 3rd grade dismissed for Children's Classes)  
 7:30 p.m. Senior High Insight..... the Fesko Home (108 Charlestowne Sq.)

LH—Lowe Hall MB—Main Building MH—Miller Hall MS—Music Suite  
 PH—Patterson Hall SC—Study Center WH—Westminster Hall YH—Youth House

**JUNE 23**  
 5 PM PICNIC  
 6 PM MOVIE

**FAMILY  
 MOVIE  
 NIGHT**

**GREATER  
 BELHAVEN  
 NEIGHBORHOOD  
 FOUNDATION**

**THE CHRONICLES OF NARNIA:  
 THE LION, THE WITCH  
 & THE WARDROBE**

**FREE EVENT  
 BOOK GIVEAWAY  
 FOOD VENDORS  
 CRAFTS FOR KIDS**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## SUMMER MIDWEEK — BEGINS THIS WEDNESDAY!

Join us this Wednesday, June 14, for the kickoff of our Midweek summer schedule. Midweek Dinner will return and we're excited to offer several new adult electives, as well as programs for children, youth, and college.

### Bible Discussion Class

*June 14 - July 26 | Led by FPC Pastors | Patterson Hall*

This interactive study of the book of Philippians will include teaching, discussion and application of the text in order to enable class members to use this book in both personal devotion and discipleship.

### Birds and Bees

*June 14 - July 26 | Led by Paul and Ann Lowrey Forster | Study Center 210*

This video series and discussion seeks to equip parents with the tools they need to have conversations with their children about the "birds and bees." It is designed for parents of children ages 1 to 10, however the information can still be helpful for parents of tweens.

### Foundations Class

*June 14 - July 26 | Led by Billy Dempsey | Westminster Hall 204*

This class is for members and visitors who want to know more about our church and its ministries. There will be an overview of our denomination, Presbyterian doctrine and beliefs, church history, and church government. To sign up or for more information, please email [ccare@fpcjackson.org](mailto:ccare@fpcjackson.org).

### Marriage Intensive

*June 14, June 28, July 12, July 19, July 26 | Led by Barb Martin | Westminster Hall 202*

Currently full for the summer session, this elective will include a video series by Paul Tripp, *What Did You Expect? Redeeming the Realities of Marriage*, followed by moderated discussion. For more information, email [discipleship@fpcjackson.org](mailto:discipleship@fpcjackson.org).

### Prayer Meeting & Bible Study

*June 14 - July 26 | Study Center 213*

Spend time each week in prayer for the needs of our church family and ministries, our community, and our nation.

### Teacher Training

*June 21, June 28, July 12, July 19, July 26 | Led by Charlie Wingard | Miller Hall*

While Dr. Wingard will be focusing primarily on equipping Adult Sunday School teachers, there will be much that is helpful for teachers of every age group. This elective will cover the practical aspects of teaching, such as preparation, presentation, and even aid in finding resources. It will also address heart issues, like the character of a teacher and learning to love your Sunday School classes as you teach them God's word.

## SENIOR ADULTS LUNCHEON — JUNE 23

Join us for a patriotic afternoon of food, fellowship, and fun on June 23, at 11:30 a.m. at Wade & Betsy Creekmoore's cottage located at 143 McHarris Rd in Madison. We will start off with lunch followed by a short message from Charlie Wingard. The cost of the event is \$3 per person. We are asking all attendees with the last name starting with letters A-N to bring a side and those with O-Z to bring a dessert. The main dish will be pulled pork provided by the church. If you would like to attend, please RSVP by contacting Emily Eastman at 601-326-9243 or [emilye@fpcjackson.org](mailto:emilye@fpcjackson.org).

## MOTHER DAUGHTER SISTER FRIEND DINNER — JUNE 27

God's people have always celebrated experiencing His grace in their lives through music--be it psalms, hymns, or spiritual songs. Join us for our Mother Daughter Sister Friend Dinner, Tuesday, June 27, from 6-8 p.m. as Sarah Little leads us through learning more about these musical treasures of our faith and we sing them together. Mothers, bring your daughter and connect with other moms and daughters. Friends, bring your bestie or that neighbor with whom you've been longing to connect. Please register on the church app or at [fpcj.ms/women](http://fpcj.ms/women), and join us for a delicious and encouraging time!

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## II THESSALONIANS 3:1 — *“Finally, brethren, pray for us...”*

For detailed prayer requests and contact information for our supported missionaries and ministry partners, please contact Jo Lynn at [jolynnm@fpcjackson.org](mailto:jolynnm@fpcjackson.org).

**Sebastian & Isabel Heck** – Sebastian serves with the Heidelberg Society as a church planter in Heidelberg, Germany. email: [sebheck@mac.com](mailto:sebheck@mac.com)

**Ben & Melanie Kappers** – Ben serves with MNA as a church planter in St. George, Utah. email: [ben@allsaintsreformed.com](mailto:ben@allsaintsreformed.com)

## FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary, from the wedding of Anne Regan Watson and Forrest Graham Smith, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. James Epps Watson, Jr., grandparents of the bride, and Mr. Arthur Reid McGee and Mr. William Clifton Smith, Jr., grandparents of the groom.

## GUEST MINISTER — GUY RICHARD

Guy M. Richard (PhD, University of Edinburgh) is the President and Associate Professor of Systematic Theology at Reformed Theological Seminary in Atlanta. Guy has served in this capacity since 2017. He is the author of four books and many articles and is an ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA). He and his wife Jennifer have three children.

## EVENING COMMUNION — TONIGHT

Communion will be observed in the evening worship service tonight. Please begin prayerfully preparing your hearts and minds to receive the Lord's Supper. Professionally prepared, gluten-free elements are available on the table on the south wall of the Greeting Courtyard.

## FPC UNDER CONSTRUCTION

We appreciate your flexibility this summer as work begins on the church facility! Some rooms and entrances will be affected throughout the summer:

### Current Closures & Room Changes

The Study Center entrance is closed.

Children's 4s and 5s classes will meet on the lower level of the main building.

The Lamplighters Class has moved to Miller Hall 205A.

The church library is closed; however, the bookstore will remain open.

College Sunday School has moved to M123A.

### Upcoming Closures

Beginning June 18 the Pinehurst St. ramp and main hallway area will be closed.

## SUMMER PREACHING SCHEDULE

Please pray for Senior Minister David Strain and his family while on a planned sabbatical this summer. During the weeks he will be away from us, we will have the opportunity to hear from several guest ministers. David will return in August.

June 11 – Guy Richard

July 9 – Caleb Cangelosi

June 18 – Ligon Duncan

July 16 – Brian Sorgenfrei

June 25 – Charlie Wingard

July 23 – Wiley Lowry

July 2 – Nate Shurden

July 30 – Derek Thomas

## DIRECTOR OF GIVING AND STEWARDSHIP — CHASE WYNN

This morning we are happy to introduce Chase Wynn officially to the congregation as the Director of Giving and Stewardship. Chase began serving our church in his new full-time role on May 1. This new position focuses on fostering stewardship and creating development opportunities across our ministries. Chase is working with the staff at FPC, FPDS, and Twin Lakes to highlight the vision of the three ministries, cultivate a Biblically-based spirit of stewardship in our community, and maximize the development capacity of our organization. We look forward to seeing how God uses him in this new position.